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APPLICANT(S): Tani *et al.*
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TITLE: Therapeutic Agent for Preventing and/or Treating Sepsis

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 22, 2002, for the above-referenced patent application. Applicant encloses a petition and fee for a two-month extension of time, up to and including Monday, September 23, 2002. If any additional petition or fee is required, please consider this a conditional petition therefor and authorization to charge deposit account no. 20-0531.

AMENDMENT

Please cancel claims 12 and 23 without prejudice to Applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of the claims in this application and in related applications.

Please amend claims 2, 3, 13, and 14 to read as follows:

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2. (Amended) A method for reducing sepsis-associated lethality in a mammal, the method comprising the step of: